THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Out of 17 DTC owned and P.O. buses deployed on Route No. 157, five P. O. buses have been withdrawn by their owners by terminating the arrangements with DTC. The DTC has since put in its own two buses on this route to meet traffic demand. Additionally, the services of Route No. 166, which has a frequency of 10/20 minutes and which runs from Shalimar Bagh to Palika Kendra via Ashok Vihar also caters to the commuters.

(d) There is no limited stop service provided on route No. 157.

Mortality rate in the developing countries

1846. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to study by the U.S. Government released during the 1st week of April, 1987, nearly 240 million children in the developing countries face death before year 2000 A.D. unless mortality rates are lowered in these countries;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) Government of India have not received the report.

However, the steps taken by Government to reduce child mortality include improvement of health infrastructure, training of health manpower, health education, adoption of risk approach, universal immunisation of children, control of diarrhoeal diseases prophylaxis against nutritional anaemia and supplementary nutrition under the ICDS Scheme.

Tenders for transfer of technology in telecommunications

1847. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the foreign companies which have responded to the tenders floated by Government for the transfer of technology in telecommunications in 1986 and 1987;

(b) what is the date of issue of tender invitations in each such case;

(c) what is the contract value, date or order, name of the foreign company and nature of technology and transfer period involved in each such deal in case Government have placed order on any of these companies of signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) with them;

(d) what are the details in the case of each of the nine tenders floated in 1985 where orders have been placed or MOU signed; and

(e) what will be the phased indigenous production programme with the help of such technology transfer in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shortage of beds in Delhi hospitals

1848. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the number of beds available for patients in each of the Government hospitals in Delhi;